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MIORANDUM FOR:

Acting C iel, Development Projects Division

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PPD Operational Program for Fiscal Year 1960.

and Activity Program for OXCART

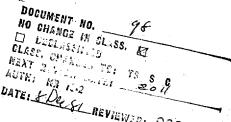
1. I am transmitting to you herewith two documents recently agreed by the DCI. These are the DFD Operational Program for FY-1960 (florrectly entitled DPD Activity Programs-FY-1960) and OXCART Activity Pigram (incorrectly entitled Program Approval).

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2. A few days ago I transmitted to you an approved activity program for the current fiscal year for This previously transmitted drument together with the two transmitted herewith confirm that the following activity programs now have the necessary approval from the DCI.

CHALICE Material CHALICE Operations External Research

Air Section



You should note, however, that no approval has yet been granted for the 32 following:

CHALICE Development

(Operational Phase)

3. Although an activity program has been approved covering CORONA in part, the approval status of this Project is not at present clear to me. In the first place, I do not know in precisely what amount approvals have been obtained for the obligation of FY-1900 funds. It is clear to me, however, the neither the Director nor I has approved an activity program totaling anything like the amount in the Operational Program transmitted to you herewith. In

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the second place, I am under the impression that the total for CORONA for FY-1960 in the Operational I regram is well short of the sum that will be required. Accordingly, in transmitting these documents to you I must advise you that I request, as a matter of urgency, you furnish me with a statement of amounts already approved for this Project for FY-1960 and must advise you that no obligation of funds beyond these amounts is authorized until an activity amendment has been submitted.

4. With respect to other unapproved activity programs (listed in paragraph 2 above) I already have an activity program for which I will submit shortly to the DCI. I gather there is no great urgency with respect to (Operational Phase) or C-130B procurement. I do feel, however, that an activity program for CHALICE development should be submitted to me reasonably promptly even if only a small portion of it can be listed in the firm category at this time.

5. With respect to OXCARI, despite the approval of the activity program transmitted herewith. I feel I must impose certain requirements for the approval by me of parts of the program as they are ready for action. My reason is that the size and sensitivity of this program and the source of funds for the bulk of it call for the closest supervision at a high level in the Agency. Accordingly, I would like to approve action of the Contracting Officer prior to his execution of contracts. Since I am notified of pending contract actions already in his Wookly Report, it will be quite aufficient to have a single sheet of paper prepared for my signature containing only the statement "Contract action with (name of company) in the amount of (\$ ) as proposed is attached Weekly Report No. Approved." This procedure will involve a miniman of extra paper work but will compel me at least to look at these large transactions before they are linalized. In addition to the above. I wish to have at your earliest convenience what amounts to a separate activity program, still however a part of OXCART, for the opening, improvement and uperation of I have prally authorized certain commitments in this program and would like to receive a written note of these for the record. Additional commitments should not be entered into until the activity program is available

2 Attachments: DD/P-4-9575

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